FISCAL MEMORANDUM HB 3211 - SB 3528

March 24, 2008

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (015346): Requires the HIV testing proposed in the original bill be conducted only on inmates who have not tested positive for HIV on a previous test conducted by the Department of Correction (DOC).

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$224,000

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$219,200

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- According to the DOC, there are approximately 7,000 inmates released from the Department each year.
- It is estimated that two percent of the inmates tested will have tested positive for HIV during a previous test resulting in a total of 6,850 (7,000 x 98%) inmates that will be tested on his or her release.
- The estimated cost for an HIV test is \$40 per inmate. The estimated cost to perform the required test on each inmate would be \$274,000 ($$40 \times 6,850$).
- Estimate assumes 20 percent (1,370) of the inmates released each year that are tested would have money in their trust fund account to pay the fee for HIV testing. The DOC would recover \$54,800 (\$40 x 1,370) for HIV tests.
- The total additional cost to the Department would be \$219,200 (\$274,000 \$54,800).

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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